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1. From 26 October to 6 November 1952, no training activity was observed at the Templin troop training grounds. [redacted] more supply trucks rode from, and to, Camp Burgwall than during the same period in the preceding years. [redacted] the camp was not yet completely vacated. On 26 October, a column of 12 empty trucks [redacted] including 6 which were towing trailers passed through Zehdenick, coming from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeding toward Oranienburg. On 30 October, a column of 27 trucks carrying sections of prefabricated houses, 1 truck carrying straw mattresses and 1 truck occupied by 15 soldiers and some officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Zehdenick, coming from the direction of Oranienburg and proceeding toward Vogelsang.

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[redacted] the column came from the Wernuchen airfield. On 3 November, a column of 16 trucks, most of them being empty and some carrying billeting equipment, passed through Zehdenick, coming from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeding toward Oranienburg. [redacted]

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2. In early October, a komendatura was established in Collin, southeast of Templin. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia were seen patrolling there.
3. From 3 to 7 November, all vehicles driving to, and from, Camp Kannenburg carried supplies for the rear details there. At 11 p.m. on 5 November, about 200 soldiers carrying light equipment left the camp toward Templin. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] carrying lumber almost daily left the camp toward Templin. 1 [redacted] 6 buildings of the new barracks buildings at the summer camp had been completed [redacted] the surveying and excavation work for 4 other buildings was finished. 2

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5. From 20 October to 6 November, no training activity was noticed in Camp Burgwall. Only few vehicles hauling supplies were observed. Wagons carrying all types of construction material daily arrived at the Vogelsang railroad station. The material was picked up by trucks driven by Germans who transported it toward Schorfleide. On 3 November, [] a flatcar with sideracks loaded with rails which was dispatched from the DMZ Metallurgie, Unterwellenborn, to supply Unit Kirik. Troop trains seen at the Vogelsang railroad station from 22 October to 3 November included: 30 boxcars with soldiers, coming from the direction of Zehdenick, at 2:30 p.m. on 22 October; 45 boxcars with soldiers, coming from the direction of Zehdenick, at 2:30 p.m. on 28 October; 29 boxcars with soldiers, leaving toward Zehdenick, at 2:15 p.m. on 29 October; and 9 boxcars with soldiers which were coupled to the regular passenger train to Templin at 4:15 p.m. on 3 November. ¹

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8. On 22 October, [] the second construction phase of the barracks buildings at Camp Hannelspring would start on 27 October. ²

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9. On 23 September, [] the new constructions in Camp Vogelsang would include a headquarters building, a building, a kitchen and mess buildings, a garage, a boiler house and a hotel, while only quarters would be built in Camp Hannelspring. ²

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1. [] Comment. The supply traffic which, [] was performed by units of the Fourth Gds Recz Army and had somewhat increased, may have been to supply of guard units which probably were stronger than in 1951 and may also be due to the construction work going on in the Templin training area. [] The trains mentioned in paragraph 5 probably were part of the exchange of personnel program for recruits and discharges in the area of the Second Gds Recz Army.

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2. [] Comment. Previous information indicated that there were two construction projects in the area of Camp Vogelsang and Camp Kannenburg. [] 30 barracks buildings were under construction between Vogelsang and Hannelspring. []

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